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WEEKEND

FRIDAY

Breakfast Club Interactive

Relive your high school days with Master Pancake theater at a showing of "The Breakfast Club" at the Ritz Alamo Drafrhouse Downtown. 10 p.m.

'Let's Get Free'

Political Hip-Hop Duo Dead Prez will perform at the Red 7. Betaplayer, Riders Against the Storm, Riddlore, and DJ Chorizo Funk also appearing. Show starts at 10 p.m.

Happy Birthday, LBJ!

Events at the LBJ Library at 9 a.m. and on the West Mall at 10 a.m. will mark the birthday of the 37th president.

SATURDAY

'Epic Movie Night'

Lawrence of Arabia at the Paramount Theater

Aladdin Live

The Scottish Rite Children's Theatre hosts a production of Disney's Aladdin. Tickets cost \$4-\$10.

SUNDAY

Big Band

The Hartman Foundation Concerts hosts its final installment of free ensemble concerts at the Long Center City Terrace. Show starts at 7:30 p.m.

Driscoll Tour

Take a tour of Texas businesswoman and philanthropist Clara Driscoll's 1916 Italian-style villa. Event starts at 1 p.m.

Ansari

See comedian Aziz Ansari at the Paramount Theatre. Show starts at 10 p.m.

Quote to note

"It's relatable particularly to college students because we deal with some pedestrian issues and some existential issues and some universal things. There is a world that leaves with you when you leave the show."

— Jennifer Micallef choreographer for dance production "I Witness"

LIFE&ARTS PAGE 10

UT Regents lead in donations to Perry

By Collin Eaton
Daily Texan Staff

Eleven current and former members of the University of Texas Board of Regents have donated more than \$1.5 million to Gov. Rick Perry.

The donations make the UT Board of Regents the top among all other board of regents in the state

in support of the governor, according to data from the Texas Tribune.

Twelve current and former members of the Texas A&M University board of regents have donated \$1.4 million to Perry. The only other board whose members had donated more than \$1 million was Texas Tech, of which 14 current and former members donated

\$1.2 million.

The campaign for Perry's Democratic gubernatorial rival Bill White said the donations show the regent appointments — which last for six years — are clearly of a political nature, but a former chairman of the UT System Board of Regents said the position was no plum job.

The 11 regents have donated, on

average, \$140,000 to Perry.

Regent Paul Foster, an El Paso oil and gas executive, has contributed \$388,785 to Perry, the largest amount of all regent appointees. Fellow regents, James Dannenbaum, Steve Hicks, William Powell and Robert Stillwell each contribut-

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Paul Foster James Huffines

COUCHSURFERS EXPLORE THE GLOBE



Erika Rich | Daily Texan Staff

Chad Green, a mechanical engineering graduate student, has couch surfed while embarking on his own world travels as well as provided his couch to those visiting Austin.

INSIDE: Couch surfing provides shelter, culture in new locations on page 10

Rush Week takes dangerous turn for two students

By Aziza Musa
Daily Texan Staff

Two UT students, reportedly participating in the last night of Rush Week, were found nearly unconscious in their respective dorm rooms early Wednesday morning.

Austin Emergency Medical Services treated one woman, who lives in Almetris Duren Hall, for alcohol poisoning, while another was found "losing consciousness and foam-

ing at the mouth" in her Hardin House room, according to UT Police Department's Campus Watch daily crime reports.

Police are not allowed to release the students' names because of the Family Education Rights and Privacy Act, a federal law that bars universities from releasing certain confidential student information.

"Some students, for whatever reason, kind of make bad choices sometimes," said UTPD

assistant Chief Terry McMahan. "The great thing about this instance is that we were able to get them the help they needed."

Roommates alerted campus police after finding the women in their bathrooms.

At the time of the incident, UT sororities were in the midst of their annual recruiting efforts. Tuesday was bid day, when rushees

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Ombudsman resignation makes three in past year

By Nolan Hicks
Daily Texan Staff

After several advocacy groups called for a federal investigation of the Texas Youth Commission earlier this week, officials confirmed Thursday that its ombudsman had resigned.

John Moore, the independent ombudsman, notified the TYC of his decision two weeks ago, citing health reasons and another job offer.

The ombudsman position, created in 2007 in response to a sex abuse scandal that rocked the agency, is responsible for investigating reports of abuse at TYC.

"We are deeply concerned by yet another turnover in the leadership within the ombudsman's office," said Deborah Fowler, legal director for Texas Appleseed, one of the groups calling for a federal investigation into TYC. "We are hopeful the governor will act quickly to appoint a strong advocate who can assist in the effort to ensure that youths' rights are being protected."

Rep. Jerry Madden, R-Plano, said

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U.S document leak sparks questions on Afghan war

By Collin Eaton
Daily Texan Staff

The release of several U.S. military documents related to the war in Afghanistan by an open-source website will not fuel an anti-war movement because of the country's diminished passion for politics, said journalism professor Robert Jensen on Thursday.

The New York Times, a German magazine and a British newspaper published stories last month about files leaked by Private First Class Bradley Manning, who first gave them to WikiLeaks, a site dedicated to publishing classified government documents. Students and other listeners packed a small room at monkey Wrench Books as Jensen and Chris Tomlinson, managing editor of the Texas Observer, took questions about the state of journalism and the way information reaches the eyes and ears of the public.

Tomlinson said the majority of the leaked files would be attainable by the Freedom of Information Act next year.

"This is very different to what the Pentagon Papers were, which was a history of Vietnam written at a very high, very strategic level that also revealed the lies that



Mary Kang | Daily Texan Staff

A visitor listens to Texas Observer managing editor, Chris Tomlinson, speak about WikiLeaks and the way information reaches the American public at Monkey Wrench Books on Thursday evening.

the Johnson government and the Nixon government sent out to the American people," he said.

Jensen said the U.S. has become a much more de-politicized soci-

ety since the release of the Pentagon Papers.

"In 1971, the country had a contentious debate — the country was on fire. The introduction of the Pen-

tagon Papers was important to that debate," Jensen said. "Today, there's no vibrancy to the political culture.

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WIKI: Professor praises founder's response to press

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People in power have figured out how to neutralize that and there's less real political engagement."

Jensen said WikiLeaks founder Julian Assange responded well to those who challenged the importance of the documents, comparing the files to papers leaked in the Soviet Union that showed how the government spied upon and ruled over its citizens.

"The horror of those [Soviet] files was not in any specific piece of paper, but in the cumulative reality that those papers presented," he said. "In the case of the [Soviet] files, it was the degree to which the citizens of East Germany were under constant surveillance by their own government — in [the WikiLeaks files], it's the routine, day-to-day carnage that's the reality of imperial conflict."

RUSH: UT searches for signs of hazing

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learn which sorority they will be invited to join, said Kimberly Niehaus, president of the UT chapter of Delta Delta Delta sorority.

"Every sorority does something different," she said. "For us, we're not allowed to have alcohol consumption on bid day by new members or sophomores because it's supposed to be more of a bonding experience."

Niehaus said that she did not know the hospitalized students or which sororities they were rushing.

As of presstime, a representative from the University Panhellenic Council, which consists of 14 sororities, did not return a call for comment.

Dean of Students Soncia Reagins-Lilly said it was too early to talk about punishments for those responsible or whether any sororities would be sanctioned, since her office is still investigating

the matter.

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— Soncia Reagins-Lilly
Dean of Students

hazing is connected.

According to a July 2010 memorandum from the Office of the Dean of Students, hazing can include "any activity involving consumption of food, liquid, alcohol-

ic beverage, liquor, drug or other substance which subjects the student to an unreasonable risk of harm or which adversely affects the mental or physical health of the student."

In 2009, the University began requiring all incoming freshmen and transfer students to complete AlcoholEdu, an online educational program meant to raise awareness of alcohol-related issues. The survey allows students to answer questions about their consumption anonymously. Incoming students were required to finish the program last week.

"I would like to believe students would be totally changed after completing the program," said Kevin Prince, a lecturer and health education coordinator at UT. "Even when you have a program like this, unfortunately, there will be some who ignore it because they are more interested in 'having a good time' or being a pledge in an organization."

REGENTS: Gov. Perry accused of building 'partisan machine'

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ed between \$110,000 and \$300,000. Former regent Robert Rowling, who resigned in 2009, has contributed more than \$250,000.

However, Colleen McHugh, the current chairwoman of the Board of Regents, has contributed only \$3,137. Regent Printice Gary actually contributed \$1,000 to state House Democratic candidate Eric Johnson in 2009, according to the National Institute on Money in State Politics.

James Huffines, a former chairman who stepped down from the board in July, has contributed more than \$41,000 to Perry's political campaigns. Huffines, who was first appointed to the board in 2003, said the regent position is a volunteer job that is extremely time consuming.

"It's a very serious commitment," he said. "It will take between 25 to 30 hours a week of volunteer service, and a lot of regents never even file for expense reports. It is a very serious business — it's like running a business."

Huffines, chairman of Central and South Texas for PlainsCapital Bank, was also a former campaign chairman for Perry. He said that the regents oversee 80,000 employees and meet 14 to 15 times a year.

Student Regent Kyle Kalkwarf said he doesn't know anything about the regents' financial contributions to Perry, but he is assured in the leadership of the board.

"I am confident that the University of Texas System is in good hands based on their diligence,

leadership, and insight," he said.

Calls made to other regents were not immediately returned.

Ally Smith, a spokeswoman for White's gubernatorial campaign, said Perry hands out regent appointments based on money contributed to his political campaign.

"It's clear that for Rick Perry, appointments aren't about serving Texans, but about building his own self-serving partisan political machine," Smith said.

She said White will make sweeping changes in how appointments are made for state offices and that such decisions will be based not on campaign donations, but potential contributions to the state.

Perry's campaign spokeswoman Catherine Frazier said that the governor's appointments are made based on just those criteria.

"Gov. Perry appoints people based on their qualifications for the job and based on his trust that they will serve Texas well in that capacity," she said. "His criticism and attacks on this front are simply an effort to distract Texans from the fact that he has not come up with one new policy initiative that will keep our state moving forward."

Appointees have the right to support the leaders they believe in, she said.

Huffines said that whether a Democratic or Republican governor is in office, regent appointees have usually been supporters.

"I think what you'll find is that going back 50 or 75 years, regents and appointees normally help the governors," he said.

TYC: Timing of departure coincides with investigation

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he was surprised by the resignation and heard Moore was suffering from health problems. He said he had talked to him a couple of weeks ago and didn't think the complaint filed with the Justice department demanding a federal investigation triggered Moore's resignation.

"I feel like the timing is a little surprising, but maybe it's just a big old coincidence," said Sen. John Whitmire, D-Houston, chairman of the Senate Committee on Criminal Justice. "But, I just don't know."

Moore was the third ombudsman to resign from the agency in the last year.

"It frustrates me," said Rep. Jim McReynolds, D-Lufkin, chairman of the House Corrections Committee. "You hope, when you're trying your best to take a troubled agency and get it stable, that once you find the appropriate people, they'll stay for a while."

McReynolds said he first heard that Moore had received another job offer, but later had been told there was a health issue.

"I don't know whether he got a heads up that this was being done, but dog gone it," he said. "[TYC]

was notching up and doing so much better and then this report hits. That just sends shivers down your back."

The complaint asking for a federal investigation — filed by Texas Applesseed, Advocacy, Inc., the Center for Public Representation and the National Center for Youth Law — claimed that youths had been improperly restrained by staff, significant problems with youth-on-youth violence, inadequate mental health care, staff shortages and a lack of educational programming.

"Every one of these allegations must be thoroughly investigated," McReynolds said.

He said it was deeply frustrating for himself, Madden and Whitmire — all of whom led the effort to reform the TYC during the last legislative session — to receive reports like the one that was filed with the Department of Justice.

"[We've] invested as much as 300 hours during session on these matters — trying our best and putting these reforms in place," McReynolds said. "All of a sudden something like this appears ... the monitors we put out there either aren't working, or no one is listening or ... somewhere the system has broken down. It's time for fresh eyes to take a look."

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The photo on page 1B of Wednesday's paper with the story "Ex-Longhorn aims to impact lowly Rams" misidentified the player pictured. The player in the photo is former Texas defensive end Sergio Kindle.

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is to create campus-centric coverage focused on sports and entertainment news that students are interested in reading. The magazine is well-received and widely distributed at the other universities, he said.

"We're going to be doing a lot of reporting and relating it back to campus," said Cameron Harley, a UT government senior who previously worked for Study Breaks. "Let's say there's a world event, I'll go around campus and talk to organizations about what they're doing in response."

Starting out, UWeekly will circulate 16,000 copies of a 36-page magazine. The Texan produces 22,000 copies of a 12-20 page newspaper Monday through Fri-

day. Texan Editor-In-Chief Lauren Winchester said she sees the magazine serving a different population and purpose than the Texan and does not see the Texan losing readership or revenue.

"Their coverage is going to be different. They'll cover the biggest things the Texan covers," Winchester said. "Our coverage will be more complete and more nuanced because they have to cover a week's worth of activity at once. I don't see them at the scale of the Texan in terms of quality of journalism."

Josh Haney, editor-at-large for The Horn, an online publication at UT not affiliated with Texas Student Media, said his main question came from UWeekly's claim to be independent, given they are owned by a larger company and include syndicated content. However, he said he looked forward to the magazine's ability to provide an outlet for students interested in journalism who might not be able to work at the Texan or The Horn.

At OSU's official student newspaper, The Lantern, editor-in-chief Collin Binkley said the two organizations coexist peacefully, despite some animosity when the magazine first came to OSU.

"They're not out there to win Pulitzers, but they have a lot of readers," he said. "People say good and bad things about both of us, and it's just two different styles of newspapers doing two different things."

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Canadian police arrest three men for terrorism

‘Canadian Idol’ contestant among arrested, suspects part of alleged bomb plot

Rob Gillies

The Associated Press

TORONTO — A man who appeared on Canada’s version of “American Idol” was the third person arrested as part of an alleged plot against targets in Canada and abroad, police said Thursday.

The two other suspects made a brief appearance in court on Thursday on charges they had plans to make bombs and to use them.

Hiva Alizadeh, 30, and Misbahuddin Ahmed, 26, appeared in court after their arrests on Wednesday in Ottawa. They are to appear again, by video, next Wednesday. Dr. Khurram Syed Sher was taken into custody in London, Ontario, on Thursday. All three are Canadian.

Sher, 28, appeared on the reality show “Canadian Idol” in 2008 singing a comical version of Avril Lavigne’s “Complicated,” complete with dance moves that include a moonwalk. He told the judges he’s from Pakistan and likes hockey, music and acting.

Police allege the men had plans and schematics to make improvised explosive devices. Police seized 50 electronic circuit boards which they say could be used as remote-control triggers for bombs. They said one of the men was trained overseas to make explosive booby traps, but did not specify which one.

Police say they moved in on the men to prevent them from sending money to terror groups in Afghanistan.

“The arrests have prevent-

ed the gathering of bombs and the execution of one or many terrorist attacks,” RCMP Chief Supt. Serge Theriault said.

Theriault said details on the targets would be released in court.

Police alleged that they conspired with three other individuals to “knowingly facilitate terrorist activities” in Canada and abroad. Police say the plot ranged from Canada to Iran, Afghanistan, Dubai and Pakistan, but did not elaborate.

Canadian Prime Minister Stephen Harper said the arrests should remind Canadians that they are not immune to terrorism.

“The networks that threaten us are worldwide. They exist not only in remote countries but they have — through globalization and through the Internet — they have links through our country and all through the world,” Harper said.

Sher is a doctor in Ontario and reportedly started a new job on Aug. 3 at St. Thomas Elgin General Hospital.

“I’m really devastated,” Dr. Syed Wasty, the chief of pathology and Sher’s supervisor, said of the arrest. “I cannot say any more.”

Sher spent time in Pakistan in 2006 as part of a relief effort after an earthquake. In 2007, he wrote the Canadian government protesting the treatment of three Muslims at Kingston prison.

Police, who made the arrests after a yearlong investigation, said the three suspects had been working together since February 2008.

Ahmed is an X-ray technician in Ottawa. Alizadeh studied English as an additional language and electrical engi-

neering technology at Red River College in Winnipeg, Manitoba.

Ahmed’s lawyer, Ian Carter, said the charges are serious and his client, a husband and father, could be put away “for a long time.”

“He is in shock. That’s all I can say,” Carter said.

The arrests come four years after the arrest of the so-called Toronto 18, suspects in a home-grown terror plot that involved the attempted setting off of truck bombs in front of Canada’s main stock exchange and two government buildings. The ringleaders and others have been convicted.



Dace Chidley | AP Photo/The Canadian Press

Royal Canadian Mounted Police investigators remove evidence boxes from a home in London, Ontario, on Thursday, Aug. 26. A resident of the house was taken into custody earlier this morning. Police have arrested three suspects as part of an alleged plot against targets in Canada and abroad, police said Thursday. One of the suspects had appeared in Canada’s version of “American Idol” in 2008.

Arizona governor files first brief in immigration fight



Ross D. Franklin | Associated Press

Arizona Republican Gov. Jan Brewer, right, answers a question regarding the latest on the new Arizona immigration law as Sen. John McCain listens in at a news conference in Glendale, Ariz., on July 30. Brewer filed the first brief in an appeal of the immigration law ruling.

By Jacques Billeaud

The Associated Press

PHOENIX — Gov. Jan Brewer’s lawyers filed the first brief in their appeal of a ruling that put the most controversial elements of Arizona’s new immigration law on hold on Thursday.

Brewer asked the 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals in San Francisco to reverse the ruling U.S. District Judge Susan Bolton made last month.

The governor’s lawyers say the federal government hasn’t effectively enforced immigration law at the border and in the state’s interior and that the state’s intent in passing the law was to assist federal authorities, as Congress has encouraged.

They also said the judge erred by accepting speculation by the federal government that the law might burden legal immigrants and by concluding that the federal government would likely prevail.

The Department of Justice went to court in a bid to invalidate the law. Charles Miller, a spokesman for the federal agency, declined to

comment Thursday.

Bolton blocked provisions of the law that require immigrants to obtain or carry immigration registration papers and that require police, while enforcing other laws, to question people’s immigration status if there is a reasonable suspicion they’re in the country illegally.

But the judge let other portions take effect late last month, such a ban on blocking traffic when people seek or offer day-labor services on streets, and amendments to existing state immigration laws.

Before Bolton’s ruling, Department of Justice lawyers argued that local police shouldn’t be allowed to enforce the law because, in part, it’s disrupting the United States’ relations with Mexico and other countries.

They also have said the law’s requirements that law enforcement check on people’s immigration status set a mandatory policy that goes beyond what the federal government requires, and it would burden the federal agency that responds to immigration-status inquiries.

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VIEWPOINT

Don't bank on it

How much is your credit score worth? \$50? A T-shirt?

That's some of the swag you'll find banks offering on the Drag in upcoming weeks as they attempt to entice students to open accounts at their branches.

Historically, new college students have been easy prey for banks looking to make quick money though predatory practices. First-year college students are often particularly vulnerable as they struggle to come to terms with their new-found lack of supervision, and are generally less knowledgeable about the ins and outs of banking practices.

Before long, however, new students' naivete is often quickly replaced by a painful lesson in credit card debt. A recent study found that 84 percent of undergraduates held a credit card with an average balance around \$3,000.

Last year Congress finally succeeded in passing the Credit Card Accountability Responsibility and Disclosure Act, or CARD, the first meaningful credit card reform in years. The law took effect in February, and the last batch of regulations were implemented last week.

Those reforms include limitations on banks' ability to increase interest rates on existing accounts, eliminating misleading language from contracts and charging excess overdraft fees — an unfair practice that for years has provided banks with huge profits. Banks made an estimated \$10 billion per year from overdraft fees alone, according to the Center for Responsible Lending. Fees average \$34 while the average overdraft is only \$17.

Several new provisions are directed toward college students and the sometimes deceptive practices banks use to enroll them. Under the new law, banks are prohibited from enticing individuals to open an account with promotional gifts and must now provide a reason for participating in on-cam-

pus events and distributing materials on college campuses. Other restrictions aim to protect young debtors; applicants under 21 years old must either have a co-signer, such as a parent, or show they are able to pay their balance before being offered credit.

There's an old saying about Las Vegas: All those pricey high-rise casinos weren't built with the money from winners.

The same logic applies to banks, especially regarding college students — banks don't make their money when you pay your bills on time.

Despite whatever rhetoric they spout when soliciting new customers, banks have a vested interest in charging you for every fee possible. As bad as it sounds, banks succeed when you fail. If they didn't rely on fees for huge portions of their revenue, they wouldn't have spent millions lobbying Congress against those very reforms in the last financial quarter.

Large banks, such as Bank of America, claim the reforms actually hurt consumers. In a recent press release, Bank of America said the new laws would result in higher interest rates and give Americans less access to credit.

If banks alter their business practices in light of the new reforms, it's not because Congress told them to. It's because their profit-margins and bottom-line are more important than their ethical responsibility to their customers.

Earlier this month, Wells Fargo lost a class-action lawsuit in California over its implementation of overdraft fees. Wells Fargo was found guilty of manipulating clients' transactions to maximize the amount it could charge customers in overdraft fees and now must pay customers \$203 million.

A bank is a business. It is not an altruistic piggy bank in which you can keep your money. And it is certainly not your financial partner.



These banks are also not some mythical boogeyman far off in Washington, D.C. They're right across the street, dotted along the Drag.

So, freshmen, be wary the next time you find yourself way laid on the way to Pita Pit. What-

ever cheap enticements a branch may offer you pale in comparison to the massive damage the fine print could wreak on your current and future finances.

— Dave Player for the editorial board

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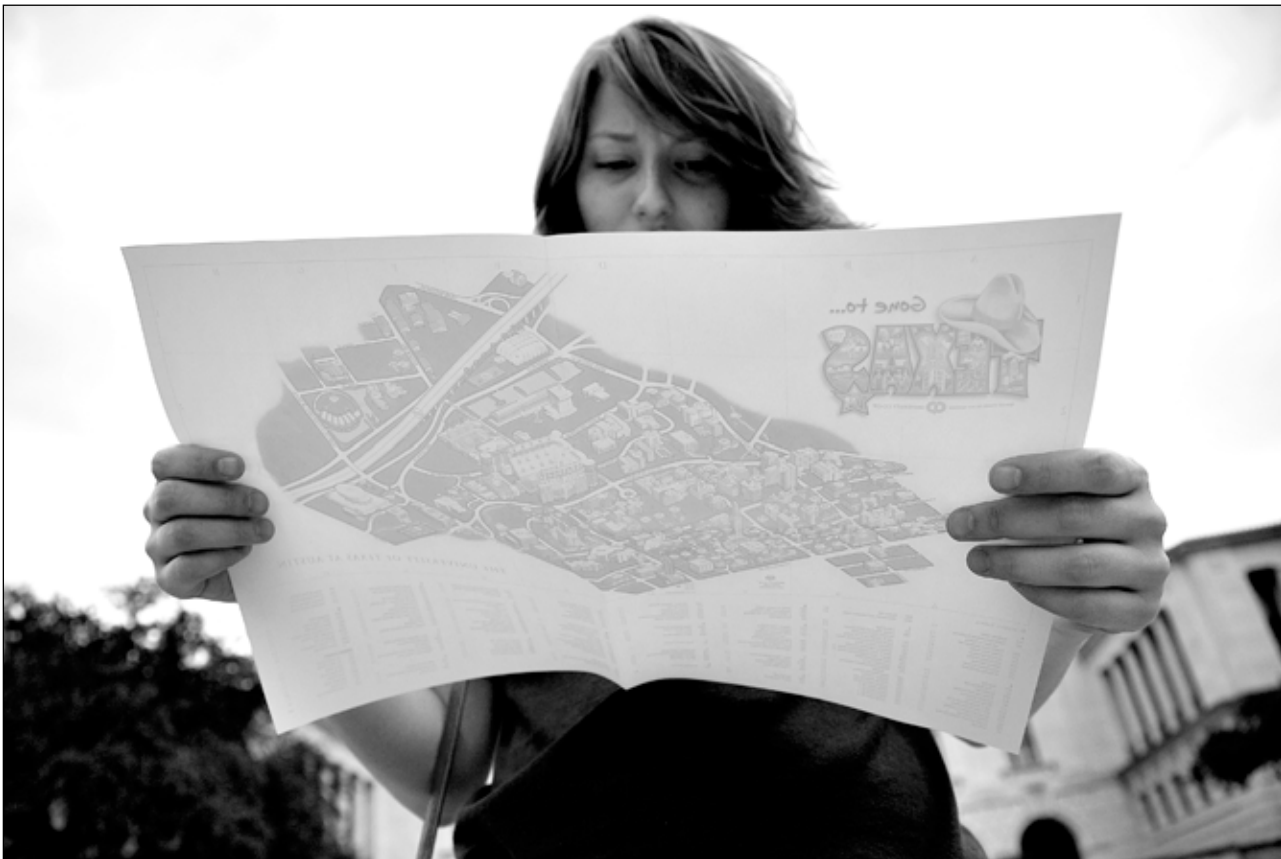


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By Jonathan Rienstra
Daily Texan Guest Columnist

Dear freshmen,
I hope this column finds you in good health since over the course of this next year, you will never feel as good as you do now. That's okay, though; in fact, it is actually a good thing. The goal of freshman year is to feel significantly worse in May than you do right now — it means you lived. With that in mind, I've compiled a few ideas that are meant to maximize your time here and ensure a wholesome experience.

First off, did you get a sweet new TV to hook up to your Xbox 360? Have you set up a Skype account so you can talk to all your friends from high school? Has Starcraft II taken up the last two weeks of your life? Great, now turn it off — all of it. This is the most important rule, the one on which all others is founded upon: Spend as little time in your dorm room as possible. UT is a huge campus, and the only way to avoid being a number is to go out and explore. Meet new people, join a club or hang out at Gregory Gym. It doesn't really matter if you actually do anything in the club or at the gym, just go. Dorm rooms suck, and if you are really that concerned with the sweet set-up in your room, you would be better off saving your tuition money, living at home and going to community college.

Secondly, and this is also in the spectrum of meeting new people, do not get a girlfriend or boyfriend two weeks into the first semester. It is tempting, I know. You're away from mom and dad now and the allure of getting a significant other and playing grown up is strong, but do not do it. For starters, you are living free now — embrace it. The first semester is all about exploration and meeting new people, two things that happen less frequently when you're planning movie night with your boyfriend. The odds are that you will have rushed into that relationship to begin with and it probably won't last the semester, let alone the year. When that's over, you'll be single and ready to mingle, only nobody will know you because all you've done for the last three months is hang out with your now-ex.

Have fun with being independent for the first time

in your life by not settling down too quickly. Find a guy or gal you like? Sweet, good for you, but don't rush it. See how things go and, if in January things are still working out, then think about the next step. Or not. You're in college after all, where education is as much about what takes place outside the classroom as it does inside one.

Which brings me to my next rule: For the love of God, do not spend all your time in the library. I get it, grades are important. That goes without saying. That starts with going to class and then studying. But if you spend all your time in studying, you're missing the point of college. It is about the education of a person and that includes all the stuff that comes with being independent for the first time. If grades are all you're concerned about, stay home and take online courses. You are in Austin, the greatest city in America. Embrace it. Go out and explore. Hit up Sixth Street. Go walk around Mount Bonnell. Make friends with somebody who has a boat and go out on Lake Austin. Just don't become a drone, wasting the best four years of your prime in the PCL.

My friend has this saying he picked up from teammates at Notre Dame: Whenever someone is dragging or being a real party pooper, he will hit them in the arm and ask, "Are you f*^@ing sleeping?!" It usually works to wake up anyone who was f*^@ing sleeping, and that's a good thing. Do not f*^@ing sleep, ever. There is plenty of time to sleep when you're old, but now is not that time. You are young — your immune system is strong — so stay up until the sun rises because there will soon be a day, four years from now, when you will be waking up before the sun rises and going to work. So don't sleep, not now, when you have so much to learn and so many new people to meet. Oh, but naps are OK. In fact, take frequent catnaps because they're the only thing that will keep you alive.

I hope these words find you in good health and may your health deteriorate during the next nine months. Because if you are as healthy in May as you are now, you've wasted a year of your youth and that would be a shame.

Rienstra is a journalism junior.

Organization encourages women’s political activism



Danielle Villasana | Daily Texan Staff
Claire Cook, the young woman’s coordinator for the National Women’s Political Caucus, celebrates with Rita Rancken at the launching of the College Women’s Caucus UT branch on Thursday.

By Vidushi Shrimali
Daily Texan Staff

When Harmony Eichsteadt, a women’s and gender studies senior, saw a documentary about the lives of 14 female senators last spring, she was inspired to create a group that would encourage political activism among women at UT.

Eichsteadt spent the spring of 2009 planning the foundation of a group that would serve the interests of the The National Women’s Political Caucus on a college campus. She launched College Women’s Caucus, a UT branch of the national organization on Thursday.

Eichsteadt said the College Women’s Caucus will be the pilot program for college groups promoting women’s political involvement nationwide.

The group will be formally inducted as the first college women’s caucus of the national women’s group at its yearly convention in August 2011.

Lulu Flores, president of the National Women’s Political Caucus, spoke at the launch party on Thursday. She commended Eichsteadt, along with law student Maggie Cheu and Plan II junior and CWC president Alyssa Davis

“We envision a future in which thousands of college-age women will be involved in the political process.”
— **Alyssa Davis,**
Plan II junior

— two students who helped found the group — on their work so far. The party was intentionally held on Women’s Equality Day, which commemorates the passage of the 19th Amendment to the

Constitution, which granted women equal civil rights. Flores, Eichsteadt and Davis were dressed in white to honor the original suffragettes who campaigned for women’s rights in the 1920s.

“I think [the suffragettes] are smiling at us, overjoyed that we are holding a beacon to further promote the struggle of women’s rights,” Flores said.

Davis said the organization will promote female candidates not only for campus positions such as in Student Government, but also female candidates who run for positions in local or state governments.

The group plans to raise funds for female hopefuls, invite female politicians to campus to provide insight for students with political aspirations and hold training sessions for student groups interested in women’s equality and participation in politics.

“We envision a future in which thousands of college-age women will be involved in the political process,” Davis said.

Campaign targets water treatment plant

By Kate Ergenbright
Daily Texan Staff

A campaign by a coalition of local environmental organizations is gaining momentum by charging that the city of Austin is raising water utility rates only to pay for a new water treatment plant.

The coalition, including Environment Texas, Save our Springs Alliance and Sierra Club Austin, launched radio advertisements on Tuesday to spread its message: Conservation is key to meeting Austin’s water needs, not a “billion dollar mistake on the lake.”

Since it was initially proposed, Water Treatment Plant #4 has caused controversy among environmental activists and residents of neighborhoods along the construction zone.

The project is supported by a narrow 4-3 majority of the City Council, and a final vote is expected to take place in mid-September. Council members Laura Morrison, Bill Spelman and Chris Riley consistently voted in opposition of the plant.

“The way we see it, we are not going to need additional treatment capacity until 2025 or later,” said Bill Bunch, legal director of Save Our Springs Alliance, a local environmental advocacy organization.

According to a report by Spelman, water use has been go-

ing down over the last 40 years because of conservation efforts and increased population density.

“People are conserving, businesses are conserving, people are changing their water use patterns,” Bunch said.

Jill Mayfield, spokeswoman for Austin Water Utility, said that city growth projections indicate a need for additional water treatment capacity by 2014, not 2025. She said utility rates could increase for many reasons, including an increased population and higher demand — not necessarily because of the plant.

The high cost of the treatment plant is also a contested issue.

Bunch said that by his analysis the plant will cost \$1.2 billion including interest, which he said could take the city 20 to 25 years to pay off.

Mayfield said “over a 30-year period, the cost will be around \$900 million.”

Environmentalists, like Bunch, are also concerned about the impact construction will have on the Jollyville Plateau Salamander, which is not currently classified as an endangered species but is a candidate for protection.

“It makes no sense to build in the middle of an endangered species habitat,” Bunch said.

In July, Save Our Springs alliance, along with Environment Texas and UT biology professor Mark Kirkpatrick, filed a lawsuit against the city claiming it is in violation of the National Environmental Policy Act.

Mayfield said that Austin Water Utility did have conservation in mind when planning for the plant.

Since Lake Travis, the source of water for the plant, is located on an incline, the plant will use gravity as a source of electricity. This allows the city to save 20,000 megawatt hours of energy annually, according to the Austin Water Utility website.

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| • FY 2010-11 6.7 percent | • FY 2013-14 6.2 percent * |
| • FY 2011-12 7.8 percent * | • FY 2014-15 3.3 percent * |

*These numbers are proposed increases and could change.

Source: City of Austin data

ANALOG ESCALATORS



People ascend from the Austin City Hall parking garage Thursday afternoon. Built with Texas limestone and completed in 2004, Austin’s architectural landmark is located on the site of the notorious 19th century red-light district, “Guy Town.”

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2010 SOCCER PREVIEW

Goalie returns after summer overseas

By Jon Parrett
Daily Texan Staff

Sophomore goalkeeper Alexa Gaul spent this past summer overseas, playing for the U.S. Under-23 Women's National Team in Europe. Gaul started in all three games of the Four Nations Tournament, posting two shutouts en route to three U.S. victories.

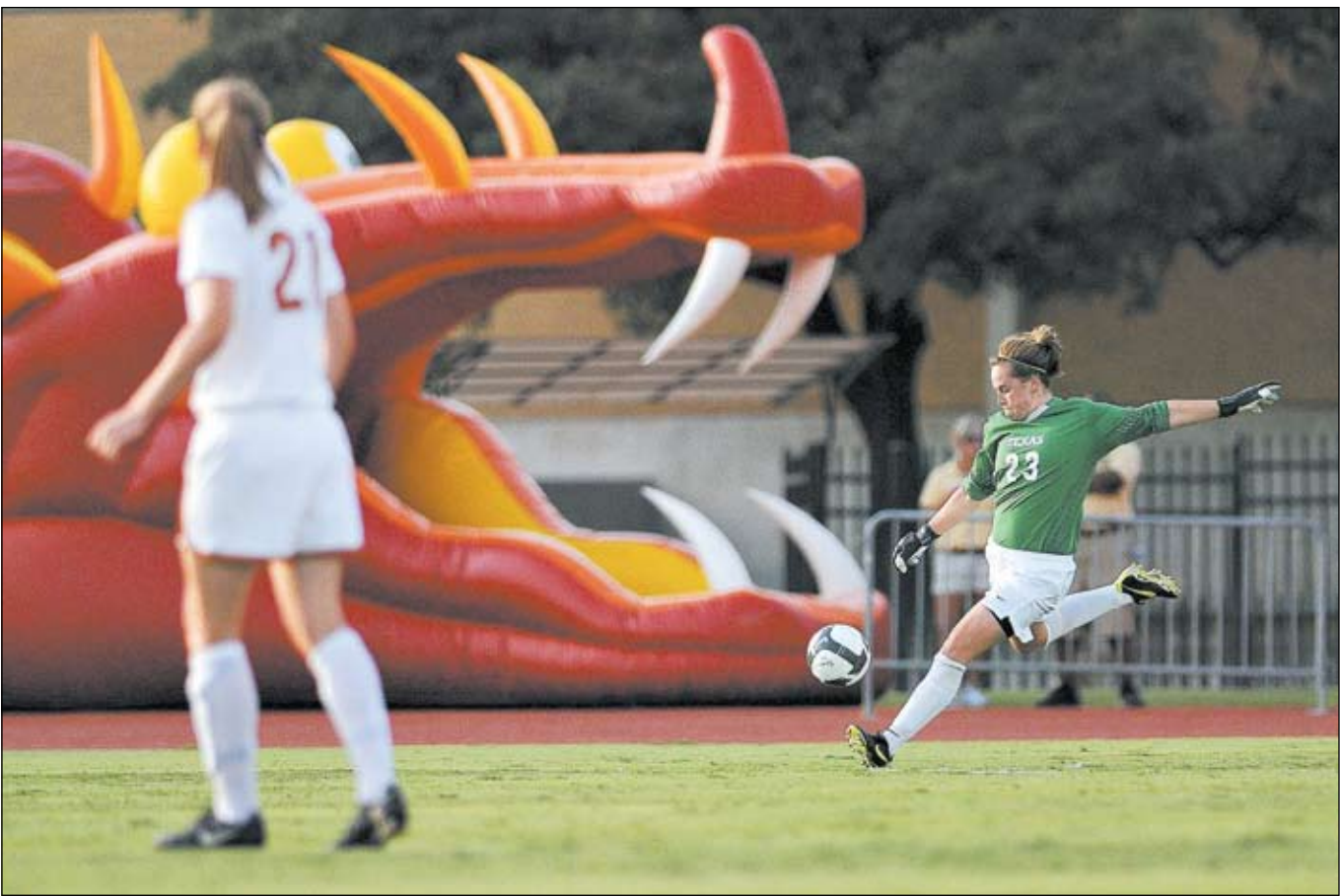
Gaul said that playing for the U.S. national team was great for her because she got to play the international style, which is different from what she's used to playing in college.

"The international style is a lot quicker, which translates really well here because I'm playing quicker and looking at things differently," Gaul said.

Gaul will look to build upon a freshman season, where she made 61 saves and recorded four shutouts, going 8-7-3 as the Longhorns goalie in 2009. She starts the season as one of the 45 players selected to the Hermann Trophy watch list as the nation's top player, and one of only five goalies. The award is the highest individual award in intercollegiate soccer, and Gaul is the first Longhorn to be nominated since 2008, but she isn't focusing on individual awards.

"I don't really worry about that," Gaul said. "It's cool to be honored for something like that, but I'm here for Texas."

The Longhorns begin the season picked to finish fifth in the Big 12, after ending last season with a 9-9-3 record and falling to Texas



Peyton McGee | Daily Texan Staff

Sophomore goalkeeper Alexa Gaul punts the ball in a 2-1 loss against TCU in the 2009 home opener. Gaul spent the summer with the U.S. Under-23 Women's National Team in Europe.

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SIDELINE

NCAA SOCCER

 
UTSA vs. Texas
Date: Tonight
Time: 7 p.m.
Where: Mike A. Myers Stadium

 
USC vs. Texas
Date: Sunday
Time: 1 p.m.
Where: Mike A. Myers Stadium

NCAA VOLLEYBALL

 
TCU vs. Texas
Date: Tonight
Time: 6:30 p.m.
Where: Gregory Gym

UT adds home-and-home series versus USC starting in 2017

Texas and Southern California, two of the top 10 winningest program in college football history (Texas has the second most wins in the NCAA with 845 and USC has the 10th most with 774), have agreed to play a home-and-home series starting in 2017. The first game will be played in Los Angeles at the Coliseum on Sept. 16, 2017, and the second will be in Austin at Darrell K Royal-Texas Memorial Stadium on Sept. 15, 2018.

The Longhorns and Trojans have played five times, with USC holding a 4-1 record. The last time the schools met was in the 2005 BCS National Championship game, when the Longhorns won 41-38.

In addition to playing USC, Texas has recently buffed up its future non-conference schedules by adding a three-game series against BYU starting in 2011, two home-and-home series against Ole Miss (2012) and Cal (2015), and a four-game series against Notre Dame (2015).

—Laken Litman

Sophomore defender Sophie Campise prepares to throw the ball in during an Oct. 25, 2009 match against Colorado.



Bruno Morlan
Daily Texan Staff

Longhorn squad has high hopes

Midfielders lead team filled with many highly touted freshmen recruits

By Emily Brlansky
Daily Texan Staff

The Longhorns bring lots of confidence into the 2010 season home opener following their 2-1 win over North Carolina State on Aug. 20. Texas hopes to build on that win and carry the momentum through the weekend as their youthful squad prepare for their first busy weekend of year.

Just like every team at Texas, expectations are high and head coach Chris Petrucelli hopes his team can continue its nice opening run.

"We expect that our team will play hard, practice hard, and we hope that by competing and playing hard that at the

end of the year we will be competing for championships," Petrucelli said.

Petrucelli has this same mindset stuck in the heads of his young group of Longhorns, who have high expectations from this season in hopes of improving from last years 9-9-3 record.

"I think we are definitely going to be better than last year," said junior midfielder Kylie Doniak. "I think our mentality and what we learned from last year is going to help us. We have worked harder than we ever have and we're hoping that pays off this year."

It is Doniak's third year playing for Texas, and she and the rest of the team have practiced throughout the spring and summer to prepare for this season.

Doniak, the Longhorns' 2009 leading scorer, enters her third year as a Longhorn. And while the practice schedule was intense in the summer heat, she is hoping that the hard work will pay off.

"I definitely worked a lot on my shots this summer," Doniak said, "I'm hoping to be more active going forward and taking people on myself."

One thing in particular Doniak worked on during the off-season was her ability to win headers in midfield and further create a better rhythm on offense.

"I want to be a better force in the air," Doniak said. "I should be able to win more air balls."

Junior midfielder Lucy Keith, who scored the game-winning goal in the Longhorns' pre-season exhibition match against Louisiana State, has also con-

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PROJECTED STARTERS 3-4-3 FORMATION

Player	Position	Hometown	Height	Class
Leah Fortune	Forward	West Chicago, Ill.	5'2"	Redshirt Freshman
Kylie Doniak	Midfielder	Chino Hills, Calif.	5'10"	Junior
Nina Frausing Pederson	Defender	Silkeborg, Denmark	5'8"	Freshman
Alexa Gaul	Goalkeeper	Naperville, Ill.	5'7"	Sophomore
Gabby Zamegar	Forward	Mission Viejo, Calif.	5'3"	Freshman
Lexi Harris	Midfielder	Plano	5'6"	Freshman
Erica Campanelli	Defender	Plano	5'5"	Senior
Hannah Higgins	Forward	Flower Mound	5'4"	Sophomore
Kristin Cummins	Midfielder	Lewisville	5'5"	Sophomore
Lucy Keith	Forward	West Chicago, Ill.	6'0"	Junior
Sophie Campise	Forward	Dallas	5'4"	Sophomore

Photo Illustration by Lauren Gerson | Daily Texan Staff

PREVIEW: Longhorns host Roadrunners in home opener

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tinued to improve.

"I think we are going to surprise ourselves with how much we have improved from last year," Keith said, "Our mentality has changed and that will help us win the games we need to win. Everyone is really excited about this year and so far we are off to a good start. We are taking it game-by-game."

Keith and Doniak will bring skill and experience to the Longhorns this season — something that the team will lack this year.

The Longhorns bring in a strong recruiting class of five freshmen, including Lexi Harris, the state of Texas' prize recruit and seventh best high school player in the nation. The additions of Harris and California native Gabby Zarnegar will likely give the Longhorns the much-needed boost that they were without last season.

"It's a good mix of older players who have had some experience and know what its like and have been through it," said coach Petrucelli. "And [there are] younger players who tend to be a little more excited and hungry and things like that, so it really is a good mix."

Texas returns to the field tonight in their home opener against UTSA at Mike A. Myers Stadium.



Senior defender Erica Campanelli boots the ball against Kansas in a 2-1 win Oct. 4 2009. Campanelli was named to the preseason all-Big 12 team.

Lauren Gerson
Daily Texan Staff

GOALIE: Two losses to Texas A&M remain fresh in Gaul's mind

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A&M in the semifinal of the Big 12 tournament. Gaul hopes that Texas can post an undefeated conference record this season, and make the NCAA tournament - a mark they fell short of last year.

"I think we can go pretty far, potentially win it," she said.

This offseason, Texas hired assistant coach Kat Mertz to replace Matt Mott, who took over as head coach of Mississippi.

"She brings a great deal of experience and expertise to our program," head coach Chris Petrucelli said. "There isn't a person more prepared for this job."

Mertz was a four-year starter at goalie at NC State from 1994-97 and played soccer professionally after college. She's been working with Gaul this season to improve her footwork and other details to make her a better goalie.

"Kat pushes Alexa outside of her comfort zone and makes her fo-

cus on becoming a more dominant player," Petrucelli said. "It's been really good for Alexa. She's capable of cutting out crosses and balls a little further from the goal than she's at right now, so that's something that we're working with her on."

As far as Gaul is concerned, she's trying to maintain her focus during games and keeping the back line of defense focused. Even though she's only a sophomore, she wants to be a leader on the team.

"Erica Campanelli and Kylie

Doniak are leaders on this team, but everyone's been stepping up," Gaul said. "We aren't going by classes. Even the freshman are stepping up, taking responsibility. And I've gotten better with being louder back there."

A challenge Texas faces this year is looking ahead to Sunday's games before they play their Friday matches. This weekend, the Longhorns play UTSA on Friday, and quickly turn around to prepare for USC on Sunday.

"We're going to try to focus on taking one game at a time and not look ahead to the Sunday games," Gaul said.

The team's motto this season is to start strong and finish stronger, and that's how they will approach the weekend games. The Longhorns started the season off on a high note with a 2-1 win against North Carolina State last weekend in Raleigh, a match where Gaul posted four saves.

Even though the Longhorns are

trying to take things one game at a time, in the back of Gaul's mind, she is looking forward to when Texas A&M comes to Austin on Oct. 29 for the final game of the regular season.

"We lost twice to them last year, so we're definitely looking for revenge," she said.

Revenge will have to wait for now as Gaul and Texas look to continue their strong start this weekend and then look to finish stronger in October against the Aggies.

2010 Schedule

Date	Opponent
08/20/10	at North Carolina State (W, 2-1)
08/27/10	vs. UTSA
08/29/10	vs. USC
09/03/10	vs. Navy
09/05/10	vs. UC Riverside
09/10/10	at Virginia
09/12/10	vs. William & Mary
09/20/10	vs. BYU
09/24/10	at Nebraska
09/26/10	at Colorado
10/01/10	vs. Milwaukee
10/03/10	at Kansas
10/08/10	vs. Texas Tech
10/10/10	vs. Baylor
10/15/10	at Missouri
10/17/10	at Iowa State
10/22/10	vs. Oklahoma State
10/24/10	vs. Oklahoma
10/29/10	vs. Texas A&M
11/03/10	Big 12 Tournament

Big 12 Preseason rankings

Date	Opponent
1.	Texas A&M (8)
2.	Nebraska (1)
3.	Missouri (1)
4.	Oklahoma State (1)
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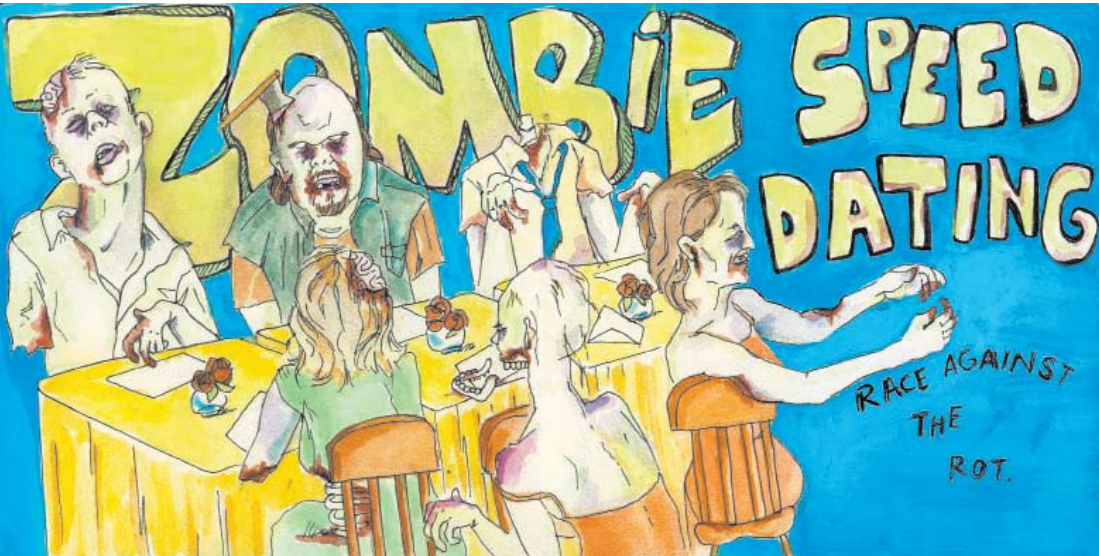
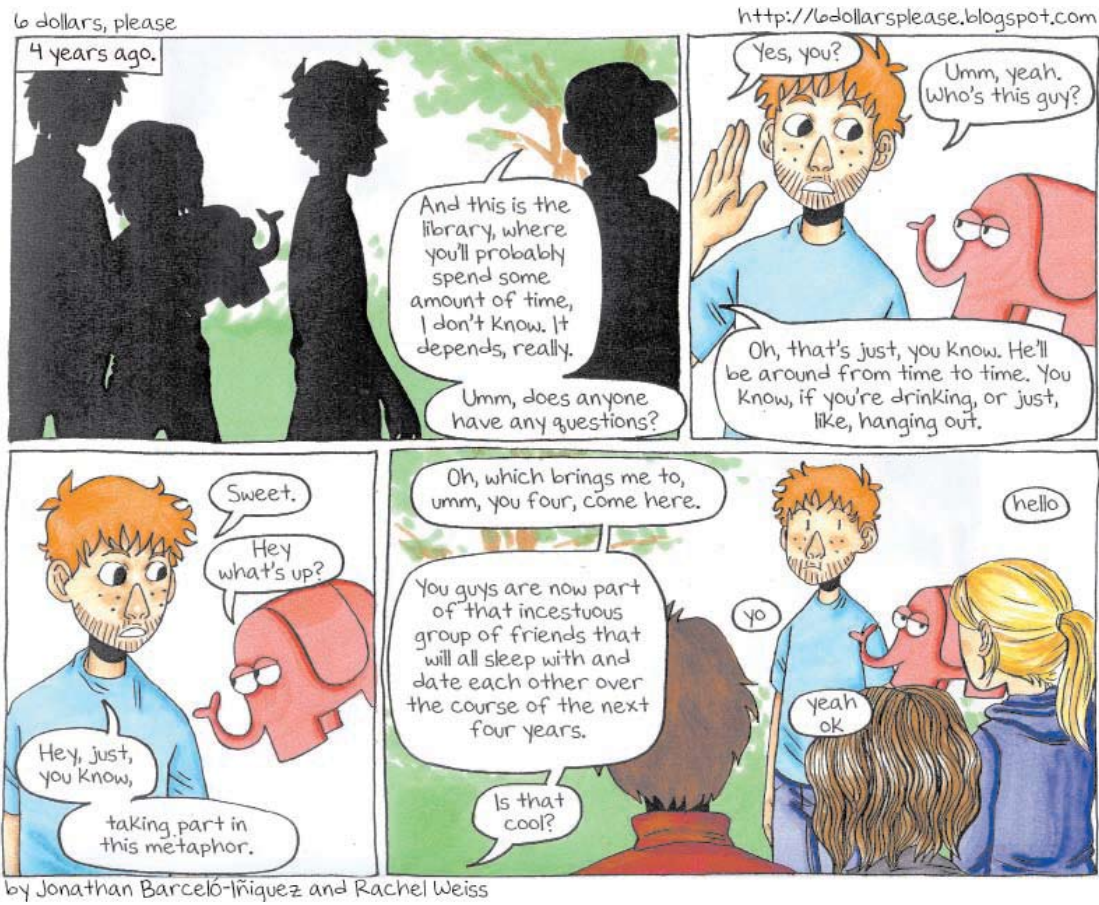
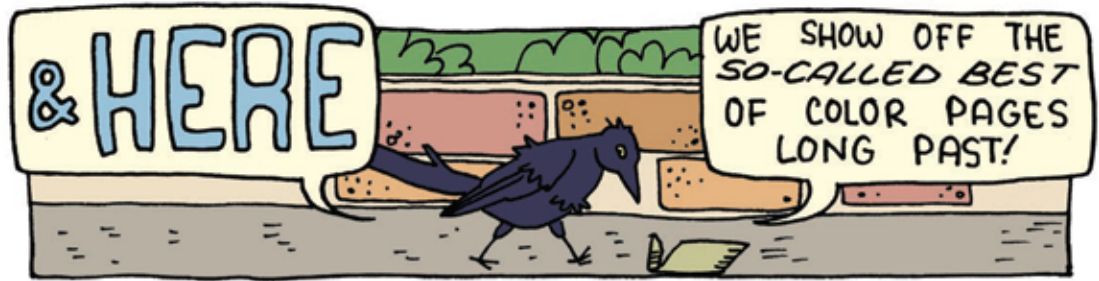
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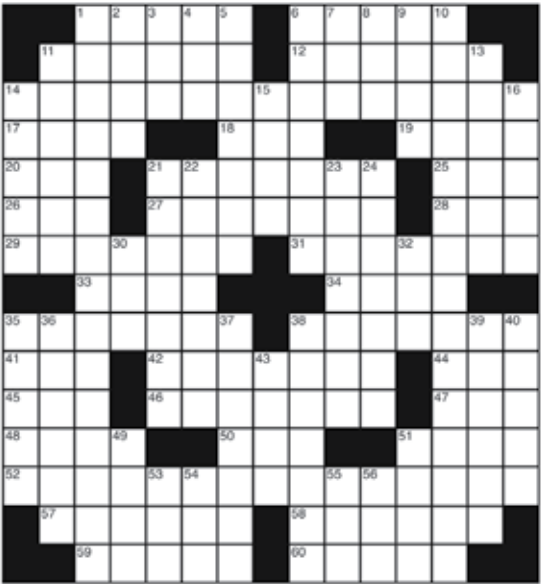
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- Across**
- 1 Fearsome Foursome teammate of Jones, Olsen and Lundy
- 6 Alternative
- 11 Jean, 1969 Oscar-winning title role for Maggie Smith
- 12 "That's n-i-i-ice!"
- 14 Gilded Age tycoon with a legendary appetite
- 17 Actor
- 18 Chaney Sr. or Jr.
- 19 One of about 14,500 in Manhattan
- 20 Fort named for a Civil War major general
- 21 Dulcify
- 25 Motors
- 26 Grade sch. class
- 27 Shop-at-home method?
- 28 Wasn't off one's rocker?
- 29 Eye, ear and nose
- 31 Whom the Romans defeated at the Battle of Aquae Sextiae, 102 B.C.
- 33 Sporcle.com feature
- 34 Nub
- 35 Hint
- 38 Visits
- 41 Scuba tank meas.
- 42 2002 Emmy winner for lead actress in a comedy
- 44 First to come?
- 45 Exchanges that may come with emoticons, briefly
- 46 People born on February 29, colloquially
- 47 Barack Obama's mother
- 48 58-Across leaders
- 50 Interregnum
- 51 Pother
- 52 In a precarious position
- 57 Mulligan, e.g.
- Down**
- 1 Christ's visitor in a tale from "The Brothers Karamazov"
- 2 Home of the Arch of Constantine
- 3 When repeated, cry often made with a hand up
- 4 Brahms's "Deutsches Requiem"
- 5 Ted Kluszewski's team when he won the 1954 N.L. home run title
- 6 Indicate
- 7 Actor Herbert of the "Pink Panther" films
- 8 Mass apparel
- 9 First capital of Japan
- 10 Subject of "Eight Men Out"
- 11 Writer of "Happiness, n. An agreeable sensation arising from contemplating the misery of another"
- 13 N.F.L. rushing star Peterson
- 14 What's discarded
- 15 Frank Zappa rock opera "Garage"
- 16 "Easter, 1916" poet
- 21 Unmoved
- 58 See 48-Across
- 59 Ranch in the 1956 film "Giant"
- 60 Growing area of commerce



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ELIS BEN SHAG
CECE CLEOPATRA
SABOT ALABASTER
ORANT POTENTIAL
SAYSO WHY OCTO
- 22 Dangerous place to be
- 23 12th Amendment concern
- 24 Cell transmitters
- 30 "___, bro?"
- 32 Male sheep
- 35 Two-time running mate of Richard
- 36 Onetime teen idol who later hosted "Pyramid"
- 37 Metaphor for a flood of tears
- 38 It's a start
- 39 Harmless
- 40 Matchmaker for Tevye's daughters
- 43 "I'm such a ___" (klutz's comment)
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MUSICAL REVIEW

"JERSEY BOYS"



Associated Press

The hit musical production "Jersey Boys" has won numerous Tony Awards and one Grammy, and leaves audiences laughing, crying and jumping out of their seats.

Vocals, plot stand out in musical

Sarah Pressley
Daily Texan Staff

The stunning vocals in "Jersey Boys" coupled with a touching story of brotherhood within showbiz make the Tony Award-winning musical a treat for Austin audiences.

The hit musical production, currently playing at Bass Concert Hall, was co-written by Marshall Brickman and Rick Elice, who have also turned "The Addams Family" into a Broadway musical. The show follows the lives of Frankie Valli and The Four Seasons, a popular musical group from the 1960s, from their days of playing gigs at bowling alleys in

Jersey to their induction into the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame.

Along the way, the boys begin to "Walk Like a Man" as they learn about life, love, music, the sometimes bittersweet road to success and the inevitable end of it. With its witty humor and Italian heart, "Jersey Boys" is sure to continue thrilling audiences during its stay in Austin.

The vocals within the musical are some of the best ever featured on a UT stage. Joseph Leo Bwarie, the actor portraying Valli, has an authentic voice that rivals the real deal. When The Four Seasons, composed of Valli, his brother Tommy DeVito, Nick Mas-

si and Bob Gaudio, came together and sang "Cry for Me" for the first time, audiences did just that.

In fact, the only time the vocals in the show fell short was when The Angels, who sing the old hit "My Boyfriend's Back," toured with The Four Seasons. Sadly, the girl's vocals fell flat next to the talented men on stage, but every other song on the playbill was wonderfully rendered.

The dancing in the show was authentic and exciting. It was obvious that a lot of practice was put into the choreography, and it paid off when many of the members of the audience were clapping and giggling during the song and

dance numbers.

It wasn't just the theatricality that made "Jersey Boys" great. Seeing the men behind the music makes listening to Frankie Valli and The Four Seasons an entirely different experience. No longer will the songs just be pleasant music, but connections to moments in the singers' lives.

There is no doubt why "Jersey Boys" has won numerous Tony Awards and a Grammy. The show had audience members laughing, crying and jumping out of their seats as one of the original boy bands played out their careers.

Grade: A

ACTING: T.I. skips action for more emotional role in film

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life, from fact and fiction, and from reality and entertainment.

"I don't think that I should be held any more accountable to the characters that I play in my films like 'American Gangster' or like Ghost in 'Takers,'" he said. "I don't think I should be held any more accountable to my characters than Arnold Schwarzenegger should be held for him playing the 'Terminator' or for him playing 'Commando.'"

The only thing actors should be accountable for is their ability to play these characters, he said.

"I'm an actor. I'm just really used to telling a story and to convey a message, the message of the writer of the script, the message of the director," T.I. said. "This is not T.I. or Clifford Harris' message."

What T.I. respects the most about his character, Ghost, is his ambition.

"I liked the fact that Ghost refuses to take 'no' for an answer," he said. "Everything that he has done, he is looking to do better."

Though nearly every scene in "Takers" is packed with high-flying, acrobatic stunts, and built-up suspense, T.I. himself was only in two ac-

tion scenes, as Ghost's involvement is more of an emotional contribution, both dramatic and comical.

"He's the driving force of the story," T.I. said. "He dictated the pace of the film."

In one of the action scenes he was in, however, T.I. said it was his least favorite moment of filming because he was sweltering in a police uniform in Los Angeles' heat.

"That [suit] was hot and tight and it itched," he said. "It seemed like the day went on forever. It was one of the hottest days in California. It had to be."

Overall, T.I. said the entire experience was phenomenal as each character adds a different swag to the screen.

The chemistry between the bands of ride-or-die brothers, which included Walker, Christensen, Ealy, Elba, Chris Brown and T.I., was energetic and, at times, heartfelt. It is this chemistry, along with the complexity of each character, that separates "Takers" from being just another fast-paced, high-energy blockbuster hit without any substance.

"Just the camaraderie of the guys," T.I. said, "it was really just like showing up and hanging out."

SURFERS: Graduate student meets unique characters during travels

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he knocked on doors to look for a place to stay. It helped that people saw all he had was his backpack and bike, he said.

Describing himself as someone fascinated with do-it-yourself culture, Greene said it was enthralling to stay with a variety of people, including a bee keeper, a person who kept sheep, someone who killed his own animals for meat and once, in West Texas, a man who built his house out of stone.

"For me, I want a personal connection," Greene said. "Every ho-

tel room is the same, but no two people are the same."

Sometimes the people he stayed with made him breakfast, or invited him to dinner. The hospitality a person will show to a stranger amazes him, Greene said.

"I noticed the poorer people tended to be the most friendly and most willing to give you everything," he said. "Some of the more affluent people wouldn't even open their doors."

In six weeks, Greene plans to go to India with his girlfriend, where he hopes his host will be able to tell him the best places to visit.

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By DAVID OUELLET

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Travelers couch surf, connect with strangers

By Priscilla Totiyapungprasert
Daily Texan Staff

Several dozen people have slept on Chad Greene's beat-up, green futon before — from foreign travelers to apartment hunters and prospective UT students. And as someone who felt like he has always had itchy feet syndrome, Greene himself has stayed in more than 50 strangers' homes since he was 18 as he traveled across the United States and Europe, sleeping anywhere from guest bedrooms to beneath kitchen tables.

The 26-year-old mechanical engineering graduate student is a member of CouchSurfing, the world's largest exchange program, where a person can move into someone's home for a brief period of time, usually a few days. Members of CouchSurfing can also offer their own available space to other travelers.

Austin has more than a thousand registered couch surfers online. Along with Houston, it is one of the cities with the most users in Texas.

"Originally I was just trying to save money, but now I do it for the experience," Greene said. "It's so much better to get to know someone and get to see how local people fill their time. It's not like when you go to a hotel and get a pamphlet for parasailing, which you know the people who live there aren't doing."

Members of CouchSurfing can post photos, create a profile and specify how long someone can

stay in their home. Some members only answer personalized messages and refuse to consider copy-and-pasted, spammed couch requests. Although it is best to contact a few days in advance, most couch surfers seem understanding about the unpredictability of traveling, Greene said.

To gain credibility, past surfers are able to leave references on their host's profile about their experience. The website shows which members have their location and identity verified.

"It's better to have a full profile," said fine arts senior Lauren Cryer, who couch surfed for the first time while in Argentina and Peru this summer. "You should put as much of your personality on your profile as possible because people want to know who they're letting into their home."

Before staying with a host family in Argentina for her study abroad program, Cryer couch surfed alone in Buenos Aires, a popular couch surfing destination, where her host took her out for drinks and to concerts.

"I never felt like I was in danger the entire time I was there, but I'm not going to say that couch surfing is always safe, especially if you're a woman traveling alone," Cryer said. "Trust your instincts."

Before Greene joined the website, he eased into couch surfing on his own accord. As a high school graduate biking, hiking and camping his way across America, **SURFERS** continues on page 9



Erika Rich | Daily Texan Staff

From left to right, dance choreographers Amanda Oakley, Shawn Nasralla and Jennifer Micallef perform as part of the Tutto Theatre Company production called "I Witness."

Show focuses on self-awareness

By Sarah Pressley
Daily Texan Staff

Sometimes we take charge of our lives and sometimes we only watch them go by.

"I Witness," a new dance production by Tutto Theatre Company, explores the contradictions between being a participant in your life and only being a witness to it.

"I Witness" is about being and seeing and being seen and a person's journey through the world and the perspective they choose to take at any moment in life," said Jennifer Micallef, one of the show's choreographers.

The three choreographers who worked on the contemporary dance production, which incorporates spoken word, received inspiration from different periods in their lives, when they felt themselves witnessing rather than living.

"I felt like at some points I was

either witnessing myself and not actually taking action on [my life], or being witnessed by someone else," said Amanda Oakley, one of the show's choreographers and a UT graduate. "I felt that certain aspects of my life at that point [when the production was created], I wasn't taking control or I was avoiding seeing what was going on and kind of witnessing myself, rather than being myself."

Throughout their creative process, the dancers and actors involved were able to interpret the concepts and put their own personal meanings into the show as well.

"I was going through a grieving process, having just lost a family member that I was really close with," said dancer Randi Turkin. "So for me, the concept of witnessing lied very close to my heart because I watched this person pass away."

Actress Lizzie Biggers, who speaks throughout the show, also made a personal connection with the production. She said the creative process within the show helped her learn to stay present in her own reality.

"The last year of my life, I've been a very inactive participant," Biggers said. "I Witness," to me is really about living in the moment and being yourself in that moment."

The dancers and actors involved in the show said they didn't find it hard to portray such emotional concepts on stage.

"You kind of have to wear your heart on your sleeve," Oakley said. "For a lot of artists, it's their release."

For Biggers, it goes past a release and becomes something more that she can't help but display.

"I think part of being an artist is being able to access that part of

yourself at all times," Biggers said. "It's our responsibility."

Micallef said many college students could benefit from the message of the show since they are already in a time of life exploration.

"It's relatable particularly to college students because we deal with some pedestrian issues and some existential issues and some universal things," Micallef said. "There is a world that leaves with you when you leave the show."

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Chad Green, a mechanical engineering graduate student, has embarked on world travels and provided his own couch for surfers.

Rapper looks to A-list for acting inspiration

By Julie Rene Tran
Daily Texan Staff

In the famed rapper's third film "Takers," in theaters today, T.I. plays Ghost, a fresh-out-of-jail bank robber who returns back to his unassailable band of thieves, only to find that he's been ousted from the group. In his attempt to regain their trust, he offers them a high earning mission to hijack two armored trucks, a job that can either ruin them or pay off big.

The Daily Texan had the opportunity to speak with the artist about his role in the film and the camaraderie on the set.

T.I. said he was blessed to work alongside A-list actors, including Matt Dillon, Zoe Saldana, Paul

Walker, Hayden Christensen, Michael Ealy and Idris Elba, in the film and to have worked with Will Smith in "ATL" and Denzel Washington in "American Gangsters," two actors who he believes are the greatest in the business.

The experience he gained from these previous films and the advice he received from Smith and Washington is implemented in his approach with every film opportunity, he said.

"One thing that Denzel told me that stuck with me and always will stick with me is, 'Don't ever let the camera catch you acting. Don't act, just be,'" T.I. said.

To prepare for his role in "Takers," T.I. said that he asked himself



Courtesy of Screen Gems

In "Takers," T.I. plays a fresh-out-of-jail bank robber. The rapper worked alongside A-list actors, such as Matt Dillon and Zoe Saldana.

how he would respond to the situations that Ghost was in, and what his demeanor would be. Though T.I.'s real-life bad boy persona echoes his character's running of il-

licit deeds, T.I. said Ghost does not epitomize him. The rapper said, if anything, he would like there to be a separation made from art and

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